
MEETING MINUTES
November 16th, 2022

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, Commissioners Aaron Zisser, Deniz Westphal, Hilary Thorsen, Elena Jolly, Janice Allen, Anarita Reyes, Kristen Brown, Patricia Mendoza, Ken Kelly, and Angelica Ramos

ABSENT: Vice Chair Jose Magaña

STAFF: Library Director Jill Bourne; Deputy Library Director of Operations Jenny Choi; Deputy Library Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat; Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin; Division Managers Jean Herriges, Vidya Kilambi and Ann Grabowski; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Program Managers Anh Tran; Administrative Officer Andrea Maestre; Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter;

Others: City of San José District 8 Council Coordinator Mariela Garcia

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:03 P.M. via Zoom webinar. A quorum was achieved with 9 Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the November 16th, 2022 Agenda.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 19th, 2022.

On the motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Jolly, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the November 16th, 2022 Agenda and October 19th, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

III. Public Record: There was no correspondence for the Commissioner to review.

IV. Open Forum: No individuals addressed the Commission.

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. INFORMATION: Commission Budget Activities Sub-Committee Appointment to Prepare Annual Budget Position Message to Council (A. Maestre)
Commissioners Brown, Ramos and Thorsen volunteered to join the committee. Discussion followed.

- B. ACTION: Digital Literacy and Public Technology Initiatives – Outreach + Performance
(A. Grabowski)
The Commission received a report on Digital Literacy and Public Technology Initiatives – Outreach and Performance. Discussion followed. On the motion of Commissioner Ramos and seconded by Commissioner Kelly, commissioners voted unanimously to accept the report.

VI. Council Liaison’s Announcements:

City of San José District 8 Council Assistant Mariela Garcia provided an update from Councilmember Arenas’ Office. Next NSE meeting will be Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. This will be Mariela’s last check-in as Councilmember Arenas’ will be leaving Council District 8.

- VII. Vice Chair’s Announcements:** Chair Mahaney-Gurahoo shared that she attended San José Public Library Foundation’s 35th Anniversary Gala, that took on October 20, 2022 at the MLK Library. Chair Mahaney-Gurahoo is taking part in the City of San José’s Children and Youth Services master planning with the Mayor’s Office and City Manager’s Office. The City is hosting a number of community conversations/focus groups, from now until mid-December. To register visit bit.ly/3U9FvjI.

VIII. Library Director’s Announcements:

San José Public Library Director Jill Bourne shared that the San José Public Library has been nominated and selected to receive the work2future Community Builder Award as an Outstanding Partner. Acknowledgement was given to Candice Tran, Lizzie Nolan, Eboni Harris, Megan Maloy, Leizel Jackson, Jeff Brenion and all SJPL site supervisors, for supporting youth workers. The 10th Annual LocalLit author event will be taking place, virtually, on Saturday, December 10th from 2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. For details, visit www.sjpl.org. Students in grades K-8 are invited to visit the library’s Homework Clubs. Times and dates vary by location, for details visit www.sjpl.org. The Library’s Expanded Learning Unit continues to establish new partnerships with local education agencies to provide students’ access to the library’s exclusive Student Library Card. During the 2022-23 academic year, the library started to work with Bellarmine High School, Presentation High School, and the Foundation for Hispanic Education. The Student Library Card provides K-12 students the opportunity to access electronic resources and check out up to five items with no late fees. To date, 20 local education agencies have joined the Library’s Student Library Card initiative providing public library access to nearly 100,000 students to support their academic and career achievement goals. For a complete list of participating schools, visit www.sjpl.org/studentcard.

IX. Comments and Announcements:

- A. Friend’s Groups Comments, Announcements and Updates: Commissioner Kelly shared that Cambrian Library will be having a book sale on Saturday, November 19, 2022.

Bascom Library had a book sale earlier in the month that did well. Various Library Friend's Groups are wondering about the All-Friend's meeting.

B. Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners: Commissioner Kelley has joined the Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, to better interact with the blind and visually impaired to see how libraries can better serve that community. Will report back once he gets more information.

C. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board: Commissioner Thorsen provided an update on behalf of the Library Foundation. The 35th Anniversary Gala took place on October 20, 2022 at the MLK Library. There were 330 attendees to this event, which raised over \$335,000. Photos of the event can be seen at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/sjplf/albums>. The Foundation welcomed three new staff members in the last month; Charman Gaines, Loree Watanabee and Sam Perry.

X. Information and Upcoming Opportunities for Commission Participation

See SJPL Program Calendar at <https://www.sjpl.org/>

XI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas: None suggested.

XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular will be held virtually on January 18th, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

/s/

WENDI MAHANEY-GURAHOO, Chair
San José Public Library
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY



CASSIE HUNTER